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STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS AND THE GENERAL SITUATION OF OVERDUE REPORTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report contains updated information on the status of the international human rights instruments and the general situation of overdue reports as at 30 June 1996 in regard to the following six instruments:

(a) The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 3 January 1976;

(b) The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 23 March 1976;

(c) The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1965 and entered into force on 4 January 1969;

(d) The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 1979 and entered into force on 3 September 1981;

(e) The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1984 and entered into force on 26 June 1987; and

(f) The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and entered into force on 2 September 1990.

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Table 1

Changes in the number of States parties and overdue reports by treaty

1995-1996

International instrument	30 June 1996		30 June 1995	
	States parties	Overdue reports	States parties	Overdue reports
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	134	115	131	129
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	134	115	129	107
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	147	400	143	376
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	153	185	140	158
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	98	67	89	54
Convention on the Rights of the Child	187	71	174	86
TOTAL	853	953	806	910

Table 2

Overdue reports by State party and by treaty

(as of 30 June 1996)

State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Afghanistan	1	1	1	5		1	9	5
Albania	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Algeria	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Andorra						0	0	1
Angola	1	1			3	1	6	4
Antigua and Barbuda			1	4	0	1	6	4
Argentina	0	0	1	4	1	0	6	6
Armenia	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	6
Australia	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	6
Austria	1	0	1	2	2	1	7	6
Azerbaijan	0	0			0	0	0	4
Bahamas				6	1	1	8	3
Bahrain				3		1	4	2
Bangladesh				2	0	0	2	3
Barbados	2	1		5	1	1	10	5
Belarus	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	6
Belgium	1	1		1	1	0	4	5
Belize	0		1		0	1	2	4
Benin	1	1	1		1	1	5	5
Bhutan					4	1	5	2
Bolivia	1	2		1	1	0	5	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Botswana				6		0	6	2
Brazil	0	1	2	2	3	1	9	6
Brunei Darussalam						0	0	1
Bulgaria	1	1	1	4	1	0	8	6
Burkina Faso				5	1	0	6	3
Burundi	0	1	1	3	1	1	7	6
Cambodia	1	1	1	5	1	1	10	6
Cameroon	1	1	1	3	1	1	8	6
Canada	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	6
Cape Verde	1	1	1	6	4	1	14	6

Table 2 (continued)

State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Central African Republic	3	1		6	1	1	12	5
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
Chile	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	6
China			0	0	2	0	2	4
Colombia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Comoros					1	1	2	2
Congo	2	2		4	4	1	13	5
Cook Islands							0	0
Costa Rica	1	1	1	3	3	0	9	6
Côte d'Ivoire	1	1	0	8	0	1	11	6
Croatia	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	6
Cuba			1	3	1	0	5	4
Cyprus	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	6
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	6
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2	1				0	3	3
Denmark	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	6
Djibouti						1	1	1
Dominica	1	1			4	1	7	4
Dominican Republic	1	0		4	1	1	7	5
Ecuador	1	0	0	2	1	0	4	6
Egypt	1	2	1	2	1	0	7	6
El Salvador	2	1	0	0	2	0	5	6
Equatorial Guinea	2	2			0	1	5	4
Eritrea					0	0	0	2
Estonia	0	1	1	2	1	1	6	6
Ethiopia	1	1	1	4	1	0	8	6
Fiji				7	0	0	7	3
Finland	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	6
France	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	6
Gabon	2	2		7	3	1	15	5
Gambia	3	1		8	1	1	14	5
Georgia	0	0	0		1	0	1	5
Germany	0	1	1	1	2	0	5	6
Ghana				3	1	0	4	3
Greece		2	0	2	0	1	5	5

Table 2 (continued)

State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Grenada	1	1			2	1	5	4
Guatemala	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	6
Guinea	1	2	2	8	4	1	18	6
Guinea-Bissau		1			3	1	5	3
Guyana	2	0	2	10	3	1	18	6
Haiti	0			3	4	0	7	4
Holy See				1		0	1	2
Honduras		2			1	0	3	3
Hungary	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6
Iceland	0	0		0	1	0	1	5
India	1	1		0	1	1	4	5
Indonesia					2	0	2	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	1		2		0	4	4
Iraq	0	0		1	2	0	3	5
Ireland	1	1			2	0	4	4
Israel	1	1	0	3	0	1	6	6
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	6
Jamaica	2	1		5	2	0	10	5
Japan	0	1		0	0	0	1	5
Jordan	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	6
Kazakhstan						0	0	1
Kenya	3	0			1	1	5	4
Kiribati						0	0	1
Kuwait	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	6
Kyrgyzstan	1	0				0	1	3
Lao People's Democratic Republic				6	4	0	10	3
Latvia	0	1	1	2	1	1	6	6
Lebanon	2	1		7		0	10	4
Lesotho	0	1		6	0	1	8	5
Liberia				10	3	1	14	3
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1	1	0	4	1	0	7	6
Liechtenstein			1		0	0	1	3
Lithuania	0	1	0		1	1	3	5
Luxembourg	1	0	1	1	2	1	6	6
Madagascar	2	2		4	1	0	9	5

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State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Malawi	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	6
Malaysia					0	0	0	2
Maldives				2	1	0	3	3
Mali	3	2		5	2	1	13	5
Malta	0	1	1	1	2	1	6	6
Marshall Islands						1	1	1
Mauritania				4		1	5	2
Mauritius	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	6
Mexico	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	6
Micronesia (Federated States of)						0	0	1
Monaco			0	0		1	1	3
Mongolia	1	1		3	2	0	7	5
Morocco	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6
Mozambique	1			6		1	8	3
Myanmar						0	0	1
Namibia	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	6
Nauru						0	0	1
Nepal	0	1	1	5	2	0	9	6
Netherlands	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6
New Zealand	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6
Nicaragua	2	1		0	1	0	4	5
Niger	1	2		4		1	8	4
Nigeria	0	0		1	2	0	3	5
Niue						0	0	1
Norway	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	6
Oman							0	0
Pakistan				0	0	0	0	3
Palau						0	0	1
Panama	2	1	0	0	3	0	6	6
Papua New Guinea				5	1	1	7	3
Paraguay	0	0	1		1	0	2	5
Peru	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	6
Philippines	1	1	1	4	0	0	7	6
Poland	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	6
Portugal	1	0	1	3	1	0	6	6
Qatar				2		0	2	2

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State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Republic of Korea	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	6
Republic of Moldova	1	1	0	2	1	1	6	6
Romania	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	6
Russian Federation	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
Rwanda	1	1		4	1	0	7	5
Saint Kitts and Nevis					3	1	4	2
Saint Lucia				3	4	1	8	3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	2		6	1	1	12	5
Samoa					1	0	1	2
San Marino	1	2				1	4	3
Sao Tome and Principe						1	1	1
Saudi Arabia						0	0	1
Senegal	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	6
Seychelles	1	1	1	4	1	1	9	6
Sierra Leone				11	2	0	13	3
Singapore					0	0	0	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	6
Slovenia	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	6
Solomon Islands		2		6		0	8	3
Somalia	2	1	2	6			11	4
South Africa					0	0	0	2
Spain	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Sri Lanka	0	1	1	1	2	0	5	6
Sudan	1	2		2		0	5	4
Suriname	3	1		6	1	1	12	5
Swaziland				0		0	0	2
Sweden	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
Switzerland	0	1	1	1			3	4
Syrian Arab Republic	3	1		3		0	7	4
Tajikistan			1	1	1	1	4	4
Thailand					2	1	3	2
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	6

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State party	CCPR	CESCR	CAT	CERD	CEDAW	CRC	Total reports	Total treaties
Togo	1	2	2	7	3	0	15	6
Tonga				2		0	2	2
Trinidad and Tobago	2	1		1	2	0	6	5
Tunisia	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	6
Turkey			1		1	0	2	3
Turkmenistan				1		1	2	2
Tuvalu						0	0	1
Uganda	0	2	2	7	1	0	12	6
Ukraine	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	6
United Arab Emirates				0			0	1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	6
United Republic of Tanzania	2	1		5	2	1	11	5
United States of America	0		1	1			2	3
Uruguay	1	0	1	3	3	0	8	6
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Vanuatu					0	1	1	2
Venezuela	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	6
Viet Nam	2	1		2	3	0	8	5
Yemen	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	6
Yugoslavia	1	1	1	4	2	0	9	6
Zaire	1	1	0	0	2	1	5	6
Zambia	1	1		1	1	1	5	5
Zimbabwe	1	0		2	1	0	4	5
Total overdue reports	115	115	67	400	185	71	953	
Total States parties	134	134	98	147	153	187		853